



Small Business & DVBE Services Branch

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"Bringing Business & Government Together"

This publication details services provided by the Department of General Services for the Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business communities during the previous months.

Outreach

The Keyword Search Query is back!

When looking for a Small or Disabled Veteran firm with which to do business, this search tool is invaluable. Why? Because specific keywords can be used to search—specific words associated with the commodity or service needed—instead of by the broader Standard Industrial

Classification Codes.

To check out the Keyword Search Query go to—
<http://208.19.46.115/>

- **January, 2005**—participated in Exhibitions and Presentations for small businesses at:
 - Treasurer's Office Workshop, Sacramento
 - Northern California Federal Small Business (8a) Meeting, Sacramento
 - California Association of Public Purchasing Officials (CAPPO) Annual Conference, Sacramento
 - Strategies 2005, Latino Business Conexion, Business Expo and Conference, Cerritos
 - DVBE Council Meeting, Sacramento
 - Certification Workshop, San Diego
 - Regional Transit Prime and Subcontractor Conference, McClellan Park
 - DVBE Advocate Expo, Sacramento
 - SB/DVBE Advocate Quarterly Meeting, Sacramento
- **February, 2005**—participated in Exhibitions and Presentations for small businesses at:
 - Bay Area Vendor Fair, Oakland
 - CSU Long Beach Opportunities 2005, Long Beach
 - Sacramento Valley 8(a) Association, Sacramento
 - Resource Exchange for Construction and Non-IT Services, West Sacramento
- **March, 2005**—participated in Exhibitions and Presentations for small businesses at:
 - JPL/NASA 17th Annual High-Tech Small Business Conference 2005, Los Angeles
 - SB Workshop, Riverside Community College District, Procurement Technical Assistance Center
 - CalTrans District 11 Procurement Faire, San Diego
 - Two SB Workshops, San Diego Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), San Diego
 - Bidders Conference for Strategic Sourcing, Ziggurat
 - DVBE Council Meeting, Sacramento
 - Procurement Technologies Solutions, Boot Camp Training, San Diego
 - CSU Procurement Support Services Officers Association Annual Conference, Carlsbad
 - American Indian Chamber of Commerce—Bay Area Chapter, San Francisco

Updates

- **The Department of General Services** has reconstituted the Small Business Council and held its first meeting on March 14, 2005. Small Business Advocates were invited to attend and many took advantage to see the new council at work. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for June 27, September 13 and December 2.
- **The next Small Business/DVBE Advocate's Meeting** is July 7, in the afternoon. The Office of Small Business and DVBE Services requests all Advocates save the entire day, as a Resource Exchange Event has been planned for the morning of July 7.

